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Dear Orestes,

Your mailing of the 15th, including clippings from the States-Item of the 13th and 14th, has come. I have read the news stories (which I found very interesting, especially the one about F. Lee Bailey, who I tell you has met Garrison in the past, through another famous and I think over-advertised lawyer, not in New Orleans) and the copies of the affidavits.

These continue to be helpful to my understanding. I am very happy to be getting them. I am sorry to be so busy I can't taken time to explain to you what I think I see in them. Few people read with questions in their minds. Often I do. I find no answers to the questions.

Gradually a picture is emerging. I do not think the government expects this case to go to court or, if it does, to win. I think its objectives are of another kind.

I very much hope that some day in the not distant future it will be possible for us to be together again, for various reasons, and I can then explain.

It is not writing that is keeping me so busy. I have not been able to work on any books for several weeks. It is other things, one that may involve the life of a prominent man against whom a threat has been made. Some official people do not trust the opinion of the federal experts that it is without meaning (which may be the case) and have asked my help.

I think you can understand and know me well enough to know that even though I have no income and can hope for any only through writing, I feel I must do what I can.

Again my thanks.

Sincerely,